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child's mental development by his parents. The result was remarkable precocity, an honored intellectual career, and a long and happy life. That a like career would not have been attained if the education had been of the usual kind is not proved, but in its general aspects the method is now coming into considerable favor.

As a matter of publishing ethics it seems to the reviewer that the name of the author of the experiment and of the book should appear in at least as prominent a place as those of the translator and the editor, whereas it is not to be found either on the title-page or on the cover.

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Elements of Accounting. By JOSEPH J. KLEIN. New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1914. Pp. 422. \$1.50.

This text assumes a knowledge of debit and credit, is intended to bridge the gap between elementary books on bookkeeping and the advanced works in accounting, and is written either for business men or students.

After a review of bookkeeping, there is a careful comparison of single and double entry and a full explanation of the relation of bookkeeping and accounting. Partnership, corporation accounting, final statements, depreciation and reserve funds, accounts of non-trading concerns, statement of affairs and deficiency accounts, realization and liquidation, cost accounts, and auditing are all discussed.

As a rule each chapter gives an exposition of the subject, a short summary of the chapter, illustrative exercises, and a brief bibliography. The last fifty pages of the book contain additional exercises.

In the expositions the author has been careful not to dogmatize, and yet he has not sacrificed clearness. The text is a welcome change from the ordinary business-college book which depends upon drill and repetition and stifles higher intellectual activity. It opens to the student the real field of accounting without the drudgery attached to many texts.

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Outlines of Ancient History. By HAROLD MATTINGLY. Cambridge: University Press, 1914. Pp. 842. \$3.00.

This is an extremely painstaking and detailed outline of the military and political history of the ancient world from the earliest times to the accession of Odoacar (Odoacer) as ruler in the West in 476 A.D. It contains about thirty full-page illustrations, chiefly photographs of busts of important historical personalities. In addition five plates of coins are given at the end of the book, with an explanatory key. The coins are well selected and the plates